Surplus staff

2024. SHRI B. J. PANDA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry proposes to down-size its departments; and

(b) if so, the details of the action plan indicating as to how the surplus staff would be absorbed in the alternative jobs?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) and (b) The Expenditure Reforms Commission has, *inter alia,* recommended winding up Films Division, Photo Division, Song and Drama Division, Directorate of Field Publicity, Directorate of Publications Division, handing over of Film and Television Institute of India, Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Directorate of Film Festivals to Film Industry and Children's Film Society, India, to Non-Governmental Organisations; disinvesting National Film Development Corporation Limited and Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited and reducing/rationalising the role of other units.

These recommendations are being processed. A final decision has not yet been taken.

Uplinking of Dehradun DD Kendra

†2025. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to connect Dehradun Doordarshan Kendra with the other 'Kendras' including Delhi, through uplinking; and

(b) if so, by when this 'Kendra' would be developed as fully upgraded 'Kendra' and be provided the facility of uplinking?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): (a) Satellite Earth Station at Dehradun Doordarshan Kendra is already operational and programmes/feeds uplinked from Earth Station, Dehradun can be received at any of the Doordarshan Kendras in the country, including Delhi.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

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